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To: NFES: National Incident Support Caches

From: Paul Naman, NFES Representative - NIFC

Subject: New Generation Fire Shelter Exchanges



With the adoption of the standard and large size New Generation fire shelters in addition to remaining old model fire shelters there are now three different models of fire shelters currently in service. All three fire shelters can be utilized interchangeably and perform the same function, but have significantly differing acquisition costs. The old model fire shelter, complete (NFES# 0169) costs \$64.63 ea. The standard size New Generation fire shelter, complete (NFES# 0925) costs \$288.83 ea. The large size New Generation fire shelter, complete (NFES# 0975) costs \$323.39 ea.



The old model fire shelter (NFES #0169) is no longer in production or available from GSA, and remaining stocks will be phased out of service over the next several years. Transition to the New Generation fire shelters is to be complete for federal agency firefighters by the end of the calendar year 2006 and by the end of the calendar year 2008 for all others (see USFS Fire Tech Tips #0551-2325-MTDC, "Large New Generation Fire Shelter Now Available" at <http://fsweb.mtdc.wo.fs.fed.us/pubs/> Username: t-d Password: t-d)



Under normal field conditions on incidents it can be anticipated there will be occasional exchanges taking place between all three models of fire shelters. In most cases old style fire shelters will be exchanged by individual firefighters for either version of the New Generation fire shelter, but exchanges between standard size and large size New Generation fire shelters can be expected as well.



Where fire shelter exchanges result in a net difference in transaction value due to the differing price, the incident, office, or other applicable funding source, will be charged or credited for the cost difference. In the case of exchanges of unserviceable fire shelters for serviceable ones there should be no credit allowed and the entire cost of the replacement fire shelter should be charged to the benefiting activity.



GSA and the NFES Geographical Area Fire Caches will not be providing for the exchange of standard size model New Generation fire shelters for the newly introduced large model. Field offices desiring to modify their inventories of standard and large size New Generation fire shelters without additional fiscal investment are encouraged to establish exchange programs with cooperators and/or adjoining units to address their respective needs.

Please contact Paul Naman, NFES Representative, at (208) 387-5421 or Tory Henderson, Branch Chief, Equipment and Chemicals, at (208) 387-5348 if you have questions or comments on this information.

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